

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please make the following amendments to the claims:

1-52. (Cancelled)

53. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium containing a program for tracking innovation awards, the program comprising the steps of:

receiving data related to a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and

tracking data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions.

54. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking the distribution of one of a plurality of gifts given to one of the plurality of innovators as the non-monetary innovation award.

55. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with each of a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes at least one of cost and supplier.

56. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes a quantity in stock.

57. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking the number of innovation disclosures processed during a specific time period.

58. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

generating a form letter associated with one of the innovation awards.

59. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

storing IP coordinator contact data, the IP coordinator associated with an innovator.

60. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon submission of the innovation disclosure associated with the innovation award.

61. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon issuance of the intellectual property asset associated with the innovation award.

62. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

63. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to track innovation awards, comprising:  
logic configured to receive data related to a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and

logic configured to track data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions.

65. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track the distribution of one of a plurality of gifts given to one of the plurality of innovators as the non-monetary innovation award.

66. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with each of a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes at least one of cost and supplier.

67. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes a quantity in stock.

68. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track the number of innovation disclosures processed during a specific time period.

69. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to generate a form letter associated with one of the innovation awards.

70. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to store IP coordinator contact data, the IP coordinator associated with an innovator.

71. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with an innovation award distributed upon submission of the innovation disclosure associated with the innovation award.

72. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with an innovation award distributed upon issuance of the intellectual property asset associated with the innovation award.

73. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

74. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

75. (Previously Presented) A method for tracking innovation awards, comprising the steps of:

receiving data related to a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and

tracking data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

tracking the distribution of one of a plurality of gifts given to one of the plurality of innovators as the non-monetary innovation award.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

tracking data associated with each of a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes at least one of cost and supplier.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

tracking data associated with a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes a quantity in stock.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

track the number of innovation disclosures processed during a specific time period.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

generate a form letter associated with one of the innovation awards.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

store IP coordinator contact data, the IP coordinator associated with an innovator.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon submission of the innovation disclosure associated with the innovation award.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon issuance of the intellectual property asset associated with the innovation award.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

track an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

86. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium containing a program for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization, the program comprising the steps of:

receiving data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and  
determining participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes.

87. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of employees of the organization.

88. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of non-employees of the organization.

89. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of contractors of the organization.

90. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, further comprising the step of:

storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

91. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, further comprising the step of:

storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

92. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to track innovation disclosures by an organization, comprising:

logic configured to receive data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and



logic configured to determine participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes.

93. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of employees of the organization.

94. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of non-employees of the organization.

95. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of contractors of the organization.

96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising:  
logic configured to store innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

97. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising:  
logic configured to store organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

98. (Previously Presented) A method for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization, comprising the steps of:

receiving data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and  
determining participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of employees of the organization.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of non-employees of the organization.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of contractors of the organization.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of:  
storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of:  
storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

104. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, the program further comprising the step of:

tracking data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions, so that award costs and inventory can be effectively tracked and managed.

105. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, further comprising logic to track data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least

one of the innovation submissions, so that award costs and inventory can be effectively tracked and managed.

106. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising the step of:  
tracking data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions, so that award costs and inventory can be effectively tracked and managed.

107. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, the program further comprising the step of:

determining participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes, so that participation rates can be effectively tracked and managed.

108. (New) The apparatus of claim 92, the program further comprising logic to determine participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes, so that participation rates can be effectively tracked and managed.

109. (New) The method of claim 98, the program further comprising the step of  
determining participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes, so that participation rates can be effectively tracked and managed.